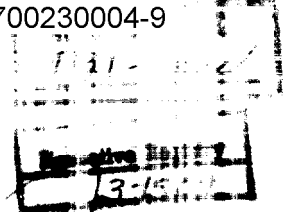


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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Walter B. Smith
Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Social Science Research

As you will remember, one of the first things which concerned Gordon Gray when he became Director of PSB, was the contribution to the cold war being made by research in the social sciences. As a result of this concern, he retained Mr. Henry Loomis to prepare a study with the purpose of suggesting any administrative changes which might be made within the government to improve the usefulness of this type of research.

After six months' investigation Mr. Loomis, last April, completed a report in which he summarized his findings, drew conclusions from these findings and made recommendations for administrative changes. Although in final form, this report has not been submitted to the Board. This has been at the request of your staff, which has had two questions regarding further distribution of the document.

Since CIA is conducting social science research, its work was naturally included in the report and, in fact, is a significant part of the report. Objection was raised, however, to the inclusion of information as to the size of the CIA effort on the ground of security of the information. Your staff, particularly Mr. Becker, state that it is the agency's policy to release no budgetary information to any other agency except as specifically directed by you, and that you have decided not to release this particular information. Therefore, your staff believes, first, that all indication of the relative size of the CIA effort must be deleted from the study and, second, for this reason, that no total government dollar figure can be given.

Furthermore, your staff indicated that since the majority of this research is performed by intelligence agencies, the coordination of the effort is the responsibility of the Director, Central Intelligence, and objected to the release of the information on jurisdictional grounds.

Our staffs have attempted to negotiate differences of opinion on these points since last April.

The PSB staff believes that a gulf exists between research supported by intelligence agencies, on the one hand, and similar research supported by non-intelligence agencies, such as IIA or State, and portions of Defense, on the other. For this reason they feel that coordination of this field could properly fall under the Board's charter. My staff feels that the Board cannot make a meaningful decision concerning the administrative changes suggested unless it has all the facts. Since CIA is one of the major supporters of social science research, they feel that any description which neglected the CIA effort would not only be in error, but would be grossly misleading. They feel that there must be some technique (such as the manner in which NSC 10/5 matters are handled) which will maintain the security of the budgetary information and, at the same time, gain the benefits of interdepartmental consideration of the problem.

In view of the differences in the position of our two staffs, I would be most grateful if I could have your views on the two points over which our staffs have differed. I will, of course, be happy to follow your suggestions in the further handling of the report.


Raymond B. Allen
Director

CHRONOLOGY OF THE REPORT ON SOCIAL
SCIENCE RESEARCH IN COLD WAR OPERATIONS
Prepared by Henry Loomis

- Apr. 15, 1952 - Report submitted to Dulles of CIA by Barnes with request for permission to submit Report to other members of the Board.
- May 2, 1952 - Telephone conversations and letter to Becker from Barnes requesting permission to submit Report to other Board members.
- May 15, 1952 - May 30, 1952 -- Staff negotiations with CIA regarding release
- June 23 - Letter received from State (Phillips) requesting copy of Loomis Report. Defense expressed desire for Report verbally.
- July 3 - Letter from Allen to Becker requesting comments on Sherman's rewrite eliminating figures.
- July 23 - Sherman and Loomis discussed with Becker and the CIA Comptroller the deletion of any reference to CIA's financial contribution.